RESOLUTION OF THE

MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

September 16, 2004

Pipeline Routing Permit

Issued to

Mankato Energy Center, LLC

for a

4.3 Mile Natural Gas Pipeline

MEQB Docket No. 04-77-PRP-Calpine

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board adopts the EQB staff's proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order granting the Mankato Energy Center, LLC a partial exemption from pipeline route selection procedures and issuing a pipeline routing permit for a 4.3 mile long natural gas pipeline within the designated route through Blue Earth County and incorporating into the Permit an Agricultural Impact Mitigation Plan developed for this pipeline project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Robert A. Schroeder, Chair of the Board, is authorized to sign the Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order and the Pipeline Routing Permit.